Steps to Tackle Extremists

2189. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Security personnel killed by the extremists between 1st April 1998 and 31st December 1999 in the North-Eastern region, State-wise separately; and

(b) what concrete steps are being taken by Government to check the activities of the extremists, demolish their hideouts and training centres in and outside the country and prevail on the neighbouring countries not to allow the extremists to operate from their land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The number of the Security personnel killed by extrmists between 1st April 1998 and 31st December 1999 in the North-Eastern region, State-wise is as follows:

State	Number
Arunachal Pradesh	Nil
.Assam	53
Manipur	136
Meghalaya	6
Mizoram	Nil
Nagaland	18
Tripura	38

(b) Steps taken by the Government to combat militancy in the North East include, interalia, deployment of Central Para Military Forces and Army; improved coordination and sharing of intelligence between the security forces; modernisation/upgradation of State Police forces; reimbursement of security related expenditure; sanction of Speical Central Assistance to the State Governments; declaration of the most seriously affected areas as "disturbed areas" and notification of the major insurgent groups as 'unlawful associations'. The situation is also kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time for taking appropriate action.

The matter regarding existence of militant camps in neighbouring countries has been taken up with the concerned countries at appropriate levels.